

TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF DELEGATES OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE PAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Mr. TEMPLE, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 341]

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred H. J. Res. 341, to provide for the expenses of delegates of the United States to the Pan American Educational Conference, having considered the same, recommends that it do pass.

The appropriation of the amount authorized by the bill has been requested by the President in a message dated January 31, which transmitted to the Congress a report by the Secretary of State. The President's message and the report of the Secretary of State are here printed as a part of this report.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report by the Secretary of State concerning participation by the Government of the United States in the Pan American Educational Conference, which, in pursuance of a resolution of the Fifth International Conference of American States, will be held at Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925. A copy of the proposed agenda of the conference is annexed to the report.

I request of Congress legislation authorizing and providing an appropriation of \$24,230 for the expenses of delegates of the United States, and their clerical and other assistants, to the said conference, in accordance with the budget incorporated in the Secretary of State's report.

The attention of Congress is invited to the interest shown in this conference by educators in the United States, as illustrated in the memorandum accompanying the Secretary of State's report.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 31, 1925.

The PRESIDENT:

On August 24, 1924, the Government of Chile addressed to the Government of the United States an invitation to participate by official delegates in the Pan

American Educational Conference to be held at Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925.

This conference will take place in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Fifth International Conference of American States and will be held for the purpose of proposing and considering measures that may contribute to the unification of secondary, special, and higher education in the Western Hemisphere, as set forth in its agenda, a copy of which is inclosed.

The importance of devising suitable and effective means to bring into closer coordination the various agencies which have to do with education throughout the world was recognized by the National Educational Association of the United States at its annual conference held at San Francisco in July, 1923, when it organized the World Federation of Educational Associations, the object of which is "to secure international cooperation in educational enterprises, to foster the dissemination of information concerning education in all its forms among nations and peoples, to cultivate international good will, and to promote the interests of peace throughout the world."

The aim of the Santiago conference will be in the same direction of international cooperation in education and the development, through education, of better understanding, closer acquaintance, and more intimate relations between the American Republics. The objects sought are therefore political as well as educational in their benefits.

I am in hearty sympathy with these objects. The advantages of education as a determining factor in the progress of the American democracies, both in their national and international aspects, and in the promotion of good understanding and peace among them can not be overestimated. Therefore, deeming it in the interest of the public good of the United States that this Government should be suitably represented in the forthcoming Santiago conference, I have the honor to recommend that request be made of Congress for legislation that will provide for an appropriation of \$24,230, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the traveling and other expenses of delegates, not exceeding 10 in number, to represent the United States in the Pan American Educational Conference to be held in Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925, and for their clerical and other assistants. The amount mentioned is based on a budget as follows:

For transportation and subsistence of 10 delegates and 5 members of the secretarial staff (1 secretary, 2 translators, and 2 stenographers).....	\$14, 880
For salaries of 2 translators for 2 months, at \$400 per month each.....	1, 600
For salaries of 2 stenographers (1 English-Spanish) for 2 months, at \$250 per month each.....	1, 000
For printing the report of the delegation.....	1, 500
For special and miscellaneous expenses.....	5, 250

The resolution of the Fifth Pan American Conference, in pursuance of which this conference will be held, contemplates also representation thereof by the universities, academies, research institutions, and scientific educational institutions of each of the American Republics. This information was communicated to State departments of education, educational associations, and higher educational institutions in the United States through the Bureau of Education, and information from the Secretary of the Interior is to the effect that a great many of these organizations have expressed both their interest in and a desire to be represented at the conference. A copy of a memorandum in this regard, furnished by the Secretary of the Interior, is inclosed for the information of Congress.

A copy of a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, stating that this request is not in conflict with the financial program of the President, is also inclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 30, 1925.

